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Agenda item 10
Credentials of representatives to the Conference

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mr. Denis **Dangue Réwaka** (Gabon)

1. Rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the Conference provides:

> "A Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Conference. Its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its most recent session. It shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Conference without delay."

2. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 9 July 2001, the Conference, in accordance with rule 4 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee having the same composition as that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its fifty-fifth session, namely, Bahamas, China, Ecuador, Gabon, Ireland, Mauritius, Russian Federation, Thailand and United States of America.

3. The Credentials Committee held its meeting on 16 July 2001.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General of the Conference, dated 13 July 2001, concerning the credentials of representatives of States to the Conference. A representative of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat made a statement relating to the memorandum, in which he, inter alia, updated the memorandum, indicating those credentials and communications received subsequent to the preparation of the memorandum.

5. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum and in the statement relating thereto, formal credentials of representatives to the Conference, in the form required by rule 3 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, had been received as of the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee from the following 79 States: Afghanistan, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Guinea, Haiti, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lao

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People's Democratic Republic, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nauru, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uruguay, Viet Nam, Yugoslavia and Zambia.

6. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum and in the statement relating thereto, information concerning the appointment of the representatives of States to the Conference had been communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference, as of the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee, by means of a cable or a telefax from the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by means of a letter or note verbale from the Mission concerned, by the following 88 States: Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Croatia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Marshall Islands, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Republic of Moldova, Rwanda, Samoa, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Tajikistan, Togo, Tonga, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela and Yemen.

7. As noted in paragraph 3 of the memorandum and in the statement relating thereto, the following seven States participating in the Conference had not, as of the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee, communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference any information regarding their representatives to the Conference: Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Grenada, Kenya, Luxembourg and Zimbabwe.

8. The Committee decided to accept the credentials of the representatives of all States mentioned in the memorandum of the Secretary-General of the Conference and in the statement relating thereto, on the understanding that formal credentials for representatives of the States referred to in paragraphs 6 and 7 of the present report would be communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference as soon as possible.

9. Having considered the question of the credentials of Afghanistan, the Committee decided to take the same position as had been taken at the fifty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly.

10. The Committee adopted the following resolution without a vote:

"*The Credentials Committee*,

"*Having examined* the credentials of the representatives to the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in

All Its Aspects of the States referred to in the memorandum by the Secretary-General of the Conference dated 13 July 2001,

"*Accepts*, subject to the decision contained in paragraph 9 of the present report, the credentials of the representatives of the States concerned."

11. The Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the Conference the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 13).

12. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the General Assembly.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

13. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Conference the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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The Conference,

Having considered the report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.